

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 8, 2005

Present: Gogarten (chair), Roberts, Smith, Knox, Ames, Hultgren (staff), Walton (staff)

Chair Gogarten called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes of July 14, 2005 were reviewed and no corrections made.

Walton reported that the non-profit ReCONNstruction Center will have its grand opening on October 15. As soon as a grand opening flyer is ready, it will be e-mailed to members.

Hultgren reported that the transfer station permit has been received, but not reviewed. Three modifications will be made – a slab for appliances, a three-sided oil tank and an enclosure for tires.

Walton reported that the transfer station data collection and input is complete with one year's worth of information. The reports generated from this information is similar to the previous reports. Staff will further analyze the data and bring their findings to a future meeting.

Walton reported that the litter ordinance has been put into use several times over the last month and seems to be effective, especially with absentee landlord property. Only one citation has been issued.

The Surplus Books for Charity program has been getting attention from surrounding communities. Walton will look into non-residents using the EO Smith book container since the transfer station is for residents only. The shipping container at the transfer station is half filled.

Walton reported that most volunteer positions are filled for handling the Festival on the Green's (Sept 25) waste and recycling, but more help could be used with clean-up and set-up.

Walton spoke to Tim DeVivo at Willimantic Waste Paper. They do not plan on expanding plastics recycling since the market is not very strong.

Walton shared information from the artist in residence program that San Francisco offers at their transfer station. Walton also passed around an article on environmental labeling, which will be made available to residents.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2005. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk